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This Administrative Bulletin announces the revision of the Department Operations Manual (DOM) Section 53070.3.8 regarding the showing of recreational movies/videos to the inmate population. Effective immediately, no movies/videos which have not been rated by or have been rated and received a rating of "R" - (Restricted) or higher by the Motion Picture Association of America (MPAA) will be approved for showing to inmates in any California Department of Corrections facility.

The DOM Section 53070.3.8 will be revised as follows:

MOVIES/VIDEOS

- Movies and/or videotapes (films) shall be selected and scheduled for viewing on a quarterly basis. This schedule shall be submitted to the Warden for final approval prior to the beginning of each quarter.
- Only movies/videos with a MPAA rating of "PG-13," "PG," or "G" may be considered for institutional approval.
- Regardless of a film's established rating, films glorifying violence, sex, or considered inflammatory to the climate of the institution shall not be scheduled.
- The Department's Movie Review Committee will review nonrated, appealed, or grieved films.
- Inmate committees may be utilized in assisting the supervisor of recreation in the selection and scheduling of movies/videos.



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Please inform all persons concerned of the contents of this bulletin which shall remain in effect until incorporated into the appropriate DOM Section. Please direct any inquiries regarding this bulletin to J. E. Thompson, Facility Captain, Education and Inmate Programs Unit, at (916) 323-0608.

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